

PATENT APPLICATION

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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Palladium-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling of Aryldiazonium Salts with Arylsilanes," the specification of which is attached hereto (Attorney file no. 9926 Spivak).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby give powers of attorney to John H. Runnels, Registration No. 33,451, and Bonnie J. Davis, Registration No. 41,699 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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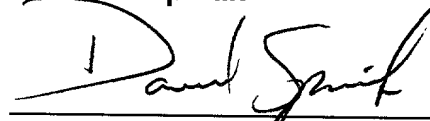
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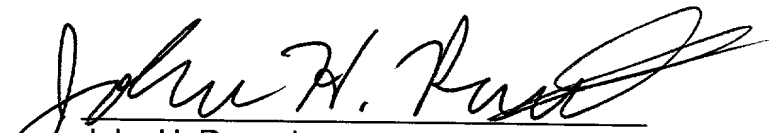
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